

The Cold River Local Advisory Committee:
Acworth, Alstead, Langdon, Lempster and Walpole

The Cold River Local Advisory Committee (CRLAC) consists of citizens appointed by select boards from Acworth, Alstead, Langdon, Lempster and Walpole. These representatives volunteer their time to help municipal boards and residents manage the natural, cultural, scenic and scientific resources of the Cold River watershed. The CRLAC also reviews river corridor projects needing state and federal permits and evaluates water-related issues of local or statewide significance.

CRLAC ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2008:

1. Municipal Conservation, Planning & Health Assistance

- Assisted residents/boards/business owners with the resolution of a variety of potential water quality degradation issues.
- Reviewed and commented on stream debris removal, a stream buffer property transfer and road/bridge/gravel pit projects.
- Participated in the Alstead Community Conservation Partnership Task Force and Land Conservation Leadership Course.
- Supported local and state efforts to fund stream restoration projects in Flood-damaged areas and develop partnerships with federal wildlife officials for habitat improvements.
- Advised Lempster officials on potential impacts to Dodge Pond of a contaminated site and proposed subdivision.

2. Workshops, Events & Education

- Participated in the 2008 NH Watershed Conference.
- Completed presentations on water quality testing and ground water resource challenges for Conservation Commissions in Acworth, Alstead, Lempster and Walpole.
- Published/distributed a brief public summary of the 2007 water sampling results.

3. Water Quality & Quantity Monitoring

- Completed the sixth year of our voluntary sampling program, including three “routine” and three additional water quality and water level monitoring events on the Cold River, its tributaries and two ponds (Newell/Dodge).
- Analyzed over 125 water samples in the field for pH, dissolved oxygen, conductivity, turbidity and temperature.
- Raised additional funds for over 150 bacteria, nutrient, metal and salt analyses conducted by the state laboratory.
- Completed a winter road salt impact study in Alstead & Walpole including 70 additional field and lab samples.
- Added 29 new sampling sites on: Warren Brook and Camp Brook (Alstead); Honey Brook (Marlow/Acworth); Dodge Brook and its tributaries (Lempster); and Great Brook and its tributaries including Ram, Brush Meadow and Jewett Brooks (Langdon/Walpole).
- Assisted state/federal officials with the site selection process for a new stream flow gauging station on the Cold River.

The Advisory Committee welcomes your participation in any of our projects and is actively seeking new members/alternates. We meet the fourth Thursday of each month, 7- 9PM, usually in the Alstead Town Offices. Please contact any CRLAC member for more info.

Sincerely,

Acworth: Deborah Hinman (Chair)

Alstead: Mike Heidorn (Water Quality Monitoring), Carol Drummond and Sam Sutcliffe (Treasurer)

Langdon: Jennifer Polcari (Vice Chair) and Cathy MacDonald

Lempster: Susan Lichty

Walpole: Charles Montgomery (Scribe) and Austin Hunter